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Newsletter of the Niagara Frontier Conference of C.A.S.A.

FEBRUARY 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone and welcome to 2006. I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and are now back to the same ole same ole! I am grateful to those people that have come forward to fill empty positions within our organization. I think we have all of the positions filled for the time being. If anyone is still interested in belonging to our local Executive Board, there is always room for one more.

Our first meeting for 2006 is scheduled for Friday, March 3 at the Holiday Inn, Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, NY, see the last page for details. Elaine Roman, Niagara County Public Health Planning & Information Officer, will be speaking to us on the county's preparedness for the Bird Flu Pandemic that, from what I hear now, is inevitable. I think this is an extremely important and timely presentation to hear and I am looking forward to seeing as many of the group as possible at this meeting to get the facts about this problem first hand. And, on a lighter side, by the time we meet, winter will almost be over! So, see you in March!

Dan Gump

2006 Membership Renewals

CASA dues for 2006 are now being accepted. Be sure to write 2006 dues on your check. Please forward your check payable to "CASA" in US dollars to:

CASA, P.O. Box 488, Abington, PA 19001-0488

Regulatory \$15
Retired \$10

Associate \$35
Academic \$10

Attention CASA Members!

Plan now to attend the **90th Annual CASA Conference** in Gettysburgh, PA, May 16-19, 2006. Please visit the CASA website at www.casafdo.com to view a press release regarding the conference and please continue checking the website for program and registration information updates as they become available.

Members are also asked to renew their membership in CASA. You can download and print our membership application from our website at <http://www.casafdo.com/CASADuesInformationApplication.pdf>. The Executive Board and Officers want to thank CASA members who have renewed already and urge others to renew soon.

Members must have a current membership to take advantage of the H.Thompson Price Scholarship and to be considered for officer and/or Association positions. Please renew now.

Hoping to see all members of CASA in historic Gettysburg this May.

NFC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Your 2006 officers and executive board are: Dan Gump, President; Bill Dodge, Vice President; Susan Smith, Treasurer; Blake Ireland, Representative to CASA; Dan Plunkett; Joy Dagonese; Wayne Smith; Jim DiMartino, and Tresa Place.

We are always looking for training opportunities and meeting speakers for our quarterly meetings. Please contact any of the above or Elaine Ziobro at (716) 541-0343 with your ideas.

**CASA Membership Dues Information
and Application**

CENTRAL ATLANTIC STATES ASSOCIATION OF FOOD AND DRUG OFFICIALS

Please complete today and return to:

Bill Kinder
Treasurer/CASA FOOD & DRUG OFFICIALS
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(Make checks payable to CASA – FID#56-6136694)
in US Dollars

Local Conference Membership is included
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If you would also like to become a member of AFDO go to www.afdo.org



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January 26, 2006

Important Seminar - Shipment of Food from Canada to the United States

"Understanding the Process"

Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel and Conference Centre
3063 South Service Road, Burlington, ON L7N 3E9

March 8, 2006
8:30am - 4:15 pm

This is an invitation and an opportunity for you, the importer or exporter, to better understand the process of successfully shipping food products from Canada into the United States marketplace.

The program has been devised to illustrate how the process works, including:

- The role of the Prior Notice Center
- The role of Customs and Border Protection
- The FDA Entry Review Process
- Import Alerts - why are they placed, what do they do, how do they go away?
- The role of FDA laboratories
- Question and Answer Session

Our objective is to ensure imported foods comply with US laws and regulations by educating the import community and achieving voluntary compliance, whenever possible. This will speed the entire import process. Our speakers include FDA/New York District's Import Staff, Canadian Food Inspection Agency Staff, Customs and Border Protection Staff, FDA/Prior Notice Center Staff and a FDA/Northeast Regional Laboratory Scientist. See attached Agenda.

The cost to participate per person is CDN \$60.00 which includes lunch. To reserve your place, please complete the attached registration form and return it to the attention of Susan Powell, Canadian Food Exporters Association, 885 Don Mills Road, Suite 301, Don Mills, ON M3C 1V9, Fax: (416) 510-8044, Email: info@cfea.com. Reservations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis as seating is limited.

For further information about this program, please contact Marcia Grove, Trade Commissioner, Canadian Consulate General at (716) 858-9555 or Susan Powell, President, Canadian Food Exporters Association at (416) 445-3747/1-888-227-8848.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Hart
Director, Import Operations Branch
FDA/New York District/Buffalo Office

This program is sponsored by the Canadian Consulate General in Buffalo and the Canadian Food Exporters Association, in conjunction with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.



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AGENDA

8:30am-9:00am	Registration
9:00am-9:15am	Opening remarks and comments: FDA Acting District Director & CFIA Regional Director
9:15am-9:35am	FDA Lifecycle of Imports-feedback to CFIA: FDA Director of Import Operations, Upstate, New York District
9:35am-10:00am	CFIA Requirement for Export to the U.S.: CFIA National Import Operations Manager
10:00am-10:15am	Break
10:15am-11:30am	FDA Prior Notice Center: What is it-what does it do? : FDA Director Division of Import Operations
11:30am-12:30pm	Lunch
12:30pm-1:00pm	CBP Entry Review: Process for food products: Customs Officer & Customs Senior Import Specialist
1:00pm-2:00pm	FDA Food entry review and regulatory information: FDA Investigator & FDA Supervisory Investigator
2:00pm-2:30pm	FDA IA's: Everything you need to know about Import Alerts: FDA Compliance Officer
2:30pm-2:45pm	Break
2:45pm-3:45pm	Laboratory: FDA Food sample and analysis process: FDA Laboratory Director
3:45pm-4:15pm	Panel discussion: FDA Staff, Customs Chief Inspector & Staff

Registration Information
please print clearly

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Name _____ Email _____

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Please use additional form if you have more than 4 people attending.

Registration Fee:

The cost to participate is CDN \$60.00 per person (including GST). Please make cheque payable to the Canadian Food Exporters Association. To pay by credit card, complete the credit card information below and fax it back to the attention of Susan Powell, CFEA at (416) 510-8044 or mail it to Canadian Food Exporters Association, 885 Don Mills Road Suite 301, Don Mills, ON M3C 1V9

VISA MasterCard

Account #: _____ Expiry Date: _____
Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

NIAGARA FRONTIER CONFERENCE
Quarterly Meeting

DATE: Friday March 3, 2006

PLACE: Holiday Inn – Amherst (located at the Niagara Falls Blvd. exit off 290)
1881 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, NY 14228
(716) 691-8181

AGENDA: Elaine Roman, BSN, Public Health Planning and Information Officer, Public Health Preparedness & Response Coordinator, of the Niagara County Department of Health, will speak on Avian Flu.

MENU: Tuna, lettuce & tomato in Pita, vegetable soup, ice cream w/peach melba

OR

Roast beef on kimmelweck, vegetable soup, ice cream w/peach melba

**** There will be an Executive Board Meeting at 11:00 AM prior to lunch ****

TIME:	Executive Board Meeting	11:00
	Lunch:	12:15
	Business Meeting:	1:15
	Presentation:	1:30

Reservations are required for lunch!

The cost for lunch is \$11.50 U.S. and \$13.50 Canadian. Please try and have exact amount when paying.

Please mail or call your reservations in along with your **lunch choice** to Elaine Ziobro, c/o Food and Drug Administration, 300 Pearl Street, Suite 100, Buffalo, NY 14202 Phone: (716) 541-0343 **no later than February 27, 2006.**

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NFC